

R_1 and R_{70} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group;

R_2 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group or is absent when R_6 represents a group $-CH=$ as hereinafter described;

R_{73} represents a hydrogen atom or an optional substituent or is absent when R_6 represents a methylene group or a group $-CH=$ as hereinafter described;

Y represents an optional substituent;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R_{74} represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group;

R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_{75} represents an optionally substituted alkyl group or $-Q'-C(O)X$, wherein Q' is an optionally substituted $-CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH=CH-$, $-CH_2C\equiv C-$ or phenylene, X is $-OR_8$, $-SR_8$, or $-NR_9R_{10}$, and R_8 , R_9 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

i) R_6 and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group; and R_{72} represents a hydrogen atom; or

ii) R_{71} represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group and R_{72} represents a hydrogen atom or R_{71} and R_{72} are joined together such that a double bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which they are attached; and

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R_6 represents an optionally substituted methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby forming a tricyclic moiety; or

R_6 represents an optionally substituted group $-CH=$ bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form an aromatic tricyclic moiety;

with the proviso that when

R_6 , R_7 , R_{70} and R_{71} are methyl;

R_2 , R_{72} , R_{73} and R_{74} are hydrogen;

R_3 is t-butyl;

R_{75} is $-CH(CH(CH_3)_2)C(H)=C(CH_3)COOH$; and

n is 0, R_1 is not methyl.

2. (Amended) A compound of general formula I described in claim 1, wherein

R_1 represents a hydrogen atom;

R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group, or an acyl group;

R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

R_{70} and R_{71} independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted alkyl group;

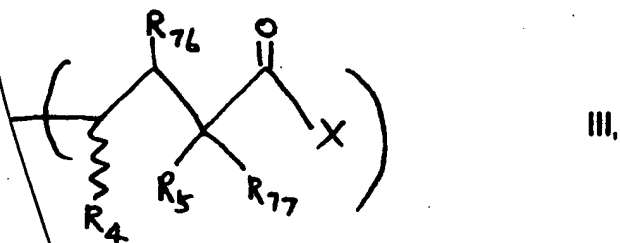
R_{72} , R_{73} and R_{74} represent hydrogen atoms;

R_7 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R_6 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group, or a methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form a tricyclic moiety;

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R₇₅ represents a group of general formula III,



wherein R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R₅ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R₇₆ and R₇₇ each represent a hydrogen atom or R₇₆ and R₇₇ are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R₇₆ and R₇₇ are attached; and X represents a group -OR₈ or a group -NR₉R₁₀, wherein R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. A compound of general formula I described in claim 1, wherein

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R₂ represents an acyl group;

R₃ represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

R₇₀ and R₇₁ independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted alkyl group;

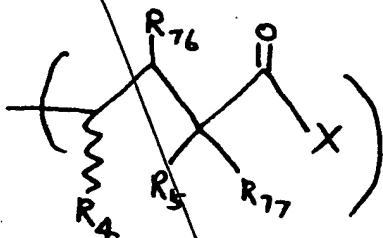
R₇₂, R₇₃ and R₇₄ represent hydrogen atoms;

R₇ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R₆ represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group, or a methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form a tricyclic moiety;

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R₇₅ represents a group of general formula III,



III,

wherein R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R₅ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R₇₆ and R₇₇ each represent a hydrogen atom or R₇₆ and R₇₇ are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R₇₆ and R₇₇ are attached; and X represents a group -OR₈ or a group -NR₉R₁₀, wherein R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

4. A compound of general formula I described in claim 1, wherein

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R₂ represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group, or an acyl group;

R₃ represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

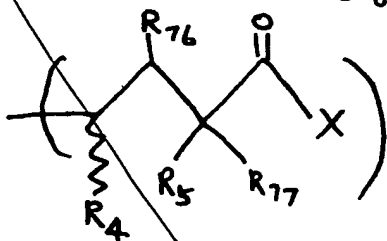
R₇₀ and R₇₁ independently represent a hydrogen atom or optionally substituted alkyl group;

R₇₂, R₇₃ and R₇₄ represent hydrogen atoms;

R₆ represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group, or a methylene group bonded to the indole moiety thereby to form a tricyclic moiety

R₇₅ represents a group of general formula III,

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III,

wherein R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R_5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R_{76} and R_{77} each represent a hydrogen atom or R_{76} and R_{77} are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R_{76} and R_{77} are attached; and X represents a group $-OR_8$ or a group $-NR_9R_{10}$, wherein R_8 and R_{10} independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

Cancel claims 5, 6 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims.

-- 8. (New) The compound of claim 1, wherein

R_{75} is $-Q'-C(O)X$;

Q' is optionally substituted $-CH_2CH=CH-$;

X is OH;

R_{70} and R_{71} are optionally substituted alkyl; and

R_2 and R_6 are different and each are selected from hydrogen or methyl.

9. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for treating cancer comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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